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SUBJECT: ENRILE PREDICTS LOCAL ELECTIONS WILL BE POST-
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1. DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE TOLD LOCAL PRESS MAY 6 THAT ELECTION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS, ORIGINALLY EXPECTED LATE IN 1978, WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL INTERIM LEGISLATURE'S TERM IS COMPLETED AND REGULAR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS ARE HELD. ENRILE SAID LOCAL-LEVEL ELECTIONS WOULD BE TOO EXPENSIVE AND WOULD DEVELOP ILL-WILL AND DIVISIONS AMONG THE PEOPLE. "THE GOOD OFFICIALS WOULD REMAIN ANYWAY IF THEY WERE TO PRESENT THEMSELVES TO THE PEOPLE IN A FREE ELECTION. AS FOR THE BAD OFFICIALS, WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL SOON BE RID OF THEM." REFERRING TO PREVIOUS PREDICTIONS THAT INTERIM LEGISLATURE WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UP TO SIX YEARS, "DAILY EXPRESS" (WITH PERHAPS UNINTENDED IRONY) HEADLINED ITS REPORT: "NO LOCAL ELECTIONS UNTIL 1984."

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT MARCOS PROMISED 1978 LOCAL ELECTIONS AS LONG AGO AS AUGUST 1977. DURING THE RECENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN, HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED DISMAY AT BACK-STABBING AMONG GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES AND BEGAN TO BACK-
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AWAY FROM 1978 DEADLINE. OTHER GOP OFFICIALS HAVE PREDICTED PRIVATELY THAT LOCAL ELECTIONS WILL BE POSTPONED FOR AT LEAST A YEAR OR TWO. ENRILE'S PREDICTION, HOWEVER, IS THE LONGEST DELAY WE HAVE HEARD. WE ARE NOT SURE WHY ENRILE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO MAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.
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